



## ENG IV Summer Reading Assignment for 2019:

1. Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, by Thomas C. Foster.

This book explains how literature professors interpret literature. It focuses on symbolism but also talks about different types of characters, and the influence of mythology, the Bible, and Shakespeare. It explains how to better interpret them to understand deeper themes and truths about the characters.

2. Choose one of the following novels to read (one you have not previously read):
  - a. *Animal Farm*
  - b. *The Old Man and the Sea*
  - c. *1984*
  - d. *The Grapes of Wrath*
  - e. *Catcher in the Rye*

As you read the novel, think about *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*, and pay attention to symbolic objects, places, characters, or events. Try to interpret what those symbols mean on your own.

3. Write a 1000 word essay about a symbol you found in the novel, and how it contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.
  - a. Write a thesis statement explaining what the symbol means and how it contributes to the meaning of the novel.
  - b. Have an introduction, body, and conclusion.
  - c. Use quotes from the book to support your thesis statement in proper MLA style.
  - d. Check for spelling, grammar, and punctuation mistakes before you submit your paper.
  - e. Write the essay using Google Docs but **bring a hardcopy to class the first day of school, too.**

--Mr. Vandegrift